

**SALEM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**  
**Salem Town Hall**  
**270 Hartford Road, Salem, CT 06420**

**Tuesday, April 19, 2016**  
**Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM**  
**FINAL UNAPPROVED DRAFT**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order.** Chairman Gloria Fogarty called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Roll Call/Seating of Alternates.** Members present: Chairman Gloria Fogarty, Vice-Chairman Joseph Duncan, Secretary Vernon Smith, Reg. Commissioners Ruth Savalle, Eric Wenzel, Ron Bouchard, Ron LaBonte, Alt. Jennifer Lindo-Dashnaw, Alt. John Gadbois & Alt. David Miller. Also present: Richard Serra, Town Planner.

Chairman Fogarty asked if there were any items to be added to the agenda. Vernon Smith stated that he would like to add consideration to have the Pledge of Alliance to both monthly scheduled P&Z meeting Agendas rather than only the first meeting of each month.

Accordingly a Motion by Vernon Smith to add the reciting of the Pledge of Alliance to both monthly P&Z meeting Agendas for those who wish to recite it to this Agenda. The Motion was seconded by Ron Bouchard. **Vote: Six regular members in favor and one abstention (Ruth Savalle). Item will be added to the Agenda under New Business.**

**Public Hearing.** None.

**Petitioners.** None.

**Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – Regular Minutes of March 15, 2016.

After review a Motion was made by Eric Wenzel and seconded by Vernon Smith to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2016 regular meeting as written. **Vote unanimous minutes Approved.**

**Old Business.**

Discuss age restricted/elderly forms of housing as allowed by the zoning regulations.

Chairman Fogarty stated that these Sections of the regulations should be read over carefully by Commissioner's to assess whether there are duplicative or excessive requirements. A discussion ensued regarding the various requirements and the intent of these sections. It was generally agreed that refining the regulations could be beneficial

and that the Commission will revisit this item during its May meeting. No further action was taken at this time.

Attorney Steven E. Byrne. Chairman Fogarty reminded Commissioner's that Attorney Byrne will attend next week's meeting to give a presentation on procedural requirements. All members are encouraged to attend.

### **New Business.**

#### **Discuss Colchester Referral regarding miscellaneous zoning regulation amendments.**

Commissioner's reviewed the proposed zoning regulations referred by the Colchester Planning & Zoning Commission. The majority of these were typically "housekeeping" in nature with a new section which would allow the "keeping of up to 8 hens or rabbits" on properties in any zoning district under certain standards. After much discussion the Commission concluded that the proposed regulations would have no negative impact on Salem. A letter will be sent to Colchester stating the same.

#### **Adding the Pledge of Alliance to both scheduled P&Z meeting agendas.**

Commissioner's discussed the proposal as introduced by Vernon Smith and the reasoning of having the Pledge of Alliance at only one meeting. The existing procedure was probably a compromise at that time.

With no further discussion a motion was made by Vernon Smith to add the Pledge of Alliance to the Agenda of each P&Z meeting for those members who wish to recite it. The motion was seconded by Ron Bouchard. **Vote: Six members in favor and one abstention (Ruth Savalle). Motion approved.**

**ZEO Report.** None.

**Town Planner Report.** R. Serra reminded Commissioners of the scheduled workshops for Land Use Commissioner's on May 16 and May 23, 2016 at the SCCOG Office in Norwich.

**Correspondence.** None.

**Plus Deltas.** None.

### **Ajournement.**

*Upon MOTION by Vernon Smith, Seconded by Ron Bouchard, it was voted unanimously to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:45 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Serra

Acting Secretary